

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Haiti
<b>Program Title:</b>	Democracy and Governance
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	521-005
<b>Status:</b>	Continuing
<b>Planned FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$6,336,000 DA; \$25,400,000 ESF
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$0
<b>Proposed FY 2007 Obligation:</b>	\$0
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	1999
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2006

**Summary:** Elections for all elected offices are scheduled for early calendar year 2006. Although some slippage of the dates is still possible, USAID expects an elected national government to be in place in early 2006, with elected local government bodies in place shortly thereafter. USAID has been supporting the transition to an elected, constitutional government through assistance to the electoral process, political party building, media strengthening, and reforms to the justice sector. Once a new government is installed, USAID programming will focus on strengthening its human and institutional capacity to deliver services at the national and local levels, building a long-term commitment to democratic processes, and fostering civil society oversight and advocacy for continued reforms.

### Inputs, Outputs, Activities:

#### FY 2006 Program:

Promote And Support Anti-Corruption Reforms (\$2,505,000 ESF). To increase public awareness and promote public ethics, transparency and integrity, civil society organizations and public service associations are receiving training, technical assistance, and small grants for research, advocacy, and monitoring activities. Twenty-eight political parties have pledged to constitute an anti-corruption Parliamentary commission and USAID is providing training for commission members. Other targeted institutions include the Superior Court of Accounts, the Commission for Adjudication of Public Contracts, and Customs. USAID is also providing technical assistance to anti-corruption advocates and Parliament to draft bills on access to information and "whistleblower" protection, as well as ratification of the UN Convention against corruption. To support increased accountability and transparency in government financial management, key government ministries and agencies continue to receive support in the installation of an integrated financial management system. Principal implementer: Transparency International and Systems Research and Applications International.

Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,586,000 DA; \$2,559,000 ESF). USAID is providing training and technical assistance to journalists' associations and a strengthened network of community radio stations in order to enhance media independence, capacity, diversity, and geographic reach. Training and limited commodity support is strengthening key Government of Haiti (GOH) institutions' public outreach capacity to engage and inform the public. Civic education materials and training are informing citizens of their rights, responsibilities, and opportunities vis-à-vis their newly elected government. Citizen participation at the community level is being increased through small grants, enabling localities to identify and address local problems, set priorities, and hold local leaders accountable. Training, technical assistance, and grants are bolstering the capacity of civil society organizations (CSOs) to bring about increased participation and inclusion of groups at all levels of society, and improve the effectiveness of CSOs in advocacy, monitoring, internal management, and financial sustainability. Support for the Provisional Electoral Council (CEP), including training and limited commodity support, is facilitating its transformation into a

permanent, independent body, improving its ability to function effectively and transparently. Training and technical assistance to political parties helps to focus their ability to represent citizen interest and needs, develop sound policy, govern effectively, and serve as loyal opposition. Principal implementers: Creative Associates International, National Democratic Institute, International Republican Institute, and others to be determined through competition.

Strengthen the Justice Sector (\$2,400,000 DA; \$5,650,000 ESF). USAID is providing technical assistance and training to strengthen a more independent judiciary's management and oversight capacity, improve the quality of legal education, improve court procedures, case management and case tracking, and reduce inappropriate pre-trial detention. Civil society organizations are receiving grants and technical assistance to: advocate for and monitor legal and judicial reforms, provide services to marginalized groups, and improve research and education on legal issues; protect and treat victims of violence through specialized treatment services for physical and psychological trauma; and prevent trafficking in persons and protect those who are vulnerable. USAID is initiating a program to provide specialized education and training to encourage positive political participation by marginalized youth. Principal implementers: National Center for State Courts (NCSC), International Foundation for Election Systems, and Pan American Development Foundation.

Strengthen the Legislative Function/Legal Framework (\$1,586,000 ESF). USAID will undertake an orientation program for new members of Parliament. Orientation will include basic training in democracy and governance and the responsibilities of serving as an elected representative. In addition, training on key legislative processes such as budget and policy issues, will enable members and senior staff to conduct the day-to-day business of Parliament. The institution will be strengthened through limited commodity and facility support and improving the staff's administrative, management, and communications capacities. Principal implementers: Contractors and grantees to be determined through competition.

Support Democratic Local Government and Decentralization (\$2,350,000 DA; \$13,100,000 ESF). Support for local government capacities to deliver services with citizen input will begin with orientation of newly elected officials. This will be followed by training and technical assistance to develop capacities of new officials for management, oversight, and service delivery; and strengthen citizen and local government capabilities to allocate and manage community resources. Technical assistance will strengthen associations of local government officials, support decentralization from the central government, and reinforce civil society linkages with local governments. The program will support administration of municipal elections. USAID's ongoing transition initiatives program will promote stability in key crisis spots by undertaking quick, visible small projects that constructively engage groups that might otherwise threaten stability. USAID will closely link the transition program to the longer term development program. Given the uncertainties resulting from elections, USAID will be flexible in order to respond quickly and effectively to the new government. Principal implementer: Contractors and grantees to be determined through competition.

**FY 2007 Program:**

There will be no new obligations to this Strategic Objective. A new strategy will begin in FY 2007.

**Performance and Results:** USAID activities work to empower elements of Haitian society in order to help Haiti make a peaceful transition to legitimate, effective governance that responds to the aspirations of its citizens. Despite continuing concerns about violence and the slow progress, the first round of elections were held February 7, 2006. Over 3.5 million eligible voters were registered. All major political parties have fielded candidates and most parties are respecting a code of conduct. Justice reform has been a priority, with a focus on reducing pre-trial detention. As part of a pilot project, of 1,400 detainees incarcerated in the National Penitentiary, close to 100 had their cases heard during special prison and court hearings. USAID has helped develop civil society capacity by expanding the network of community radio stations, training journalists, and assisting professional organizations in the justice sector.

By program completion, a newly elected government should be in place, and political parties will be strengthened. Access to justice will be increased as courts become more efficient and transparent, with judges, prosecutors and court clerks demonstrating better management skills. Constituency building for judicial reform and human rights will mitigate the effects and help to reduce the level of child domestic workers and other forms of human trafficking. Media coverage will be broader and more accurate. Civil society organizations will be better able to engage local and national government to set priorities, to advocate and positively influence decisions, and to exercise their role as watchdogs pressuring for implementation of promised reforms and policy initiatives.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Haiti

521-005 Democracy and Governance	<b>DA</b>	<b>ESF</b>
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>		
Obligations	34,582	77,378
Expenditures	30,363	75,999
Unliquidated	4,219	1,379
<b>Fiscal Year 2005</b>		
Obligations	3,178	30,456
Expenditures	5,532	5,676
<b>Through September 30, 2005</b>		
Obligations	37,760	107,834
Expenditures	35,895	81,675
Unliquidated	1,865	26,159
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>		
Obligations	0	0
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>		
Obligations	6,336	25,400
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2006</b>		
Obligations	6,336	25,400
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 NOA</b>		
Obligations	0	0
Future Obligations	0	0
Est. Total Cost	44,096	133,234